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SUBJECT: VIETNAMESE REFUGEES ABOARD MV NIELS MAERSK

1. MFA HAS INFORMED EMB THAT ON 18 JUNE DANISH FREIGHTER, MV NIELS MAERSK, WHICH TRAVELS ONLY BETWEEN JAPAN AND BANGKOK, PICKED UP FIFTY (50) VN REFUGEES, INCLUDING 14 CHILDREN, FROM SINKING BOAT 125 MILES OFF VIETNAM IN S. CHINA SEA. SHIP ARRIVES IN YOKOHAMA EARLY 27 JUNE.

2. MFA HAS ASKED EMB WHETHER U.S. WILL ACCEPT THEM. EMB REPLIED THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE ONLY IF SOME OR ALL OF THEM QUALIFY FOR PAROLE STATUS UNDER ESTABLISHED REFUGEE GUIDELINES.

3. MFA ALSO ASKED WHETHER U.S. COULD PROVIDE HOUSING AND MAINTENANCE FOR THEM IF THEY WERE ALLOWED TO DISEMARK WHILE AWAITING PROCESSING. EMB REPLIED IT HAD NO FACILITIES OR FUNDS WHICH WOULD PERMIT THIS.

4. MFA HAS CONTACTED UNCHR REPRESENTATIVE INTOKYO. HE WILL TRY TO ASSIST BUT DOUBTS WILL BE ABLE TO RELOCATE THEM IN THIRD COUNTRY. MIGHT POSSIBLY BE ABLE TO FUND TRANSPORTATION COSTS TO A COUNTRY WHICH WILL ACCEPT THEM.

5. EMB INFORMED MFA IT WILL SEND OFFICERS AND INTERPRETER TO SHIP ON 27 JUNE TO INTERVIEW REFUGEES AND OBTAIN INFORMATION NEEDED
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FOR DETERMINATION WHETHER ANY OF THEM QUALIFY FOR PAROLE STATUS

UNDER PRESENT GUIDELINES. DEPT WILL BE PROMPTLY INFORMED OF
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